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Note by the Secretariat

The Secretariat has the honour to bring to the attention of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management the report prepared by the Expert Group on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information, which will be made available in the language of submission only from the website of the Committee of Experts (http://ggim.un.org/meetings/GGIM-committee/8th-Session/). The Committee of Experts is invited to take note of the report and to express its views on the progress of the Expert Group in further developing and implementing the global statistical geospatial framework in support of the 2020 round of population censuses and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Summary of the report

At its seventh session, held in New York from 2 to 4 August 2017, the Committee of Experts adopted decision 7/107, in which it noted the endorsement of the global statistical geospatial framework by the Statistical Commission at its forty-eighth session, held in March 2017. The Committee also endorsed the emphasis of the Commission on strengthening the mandate of the Expert Group to become the overall coordination group for all activities in the area of integration of statistical and geospatial information. During the session, the Committee affirmed the view of the Expert Group that regional committees and equivalent statistical bodies needed to engage with the work occurring under the guidance of the Expert Group to further refine the global statistical geospatial framework and promote its implementation, reiterating that the 2020 round of population censuses and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development were important drivers for the integration of geospatial and

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statistical information in support of evidence-based decision-making across many sectors.

In its report, the Expert Group provides information on its recent activities, including the main outcomes of its fourth meeting, held in Sweden in November 2017, and elaborates on the five principles of the global statistical geospatial framework and how the Expert Group is working to make the framework operational and thereby support the 2020 round of population censuses and the 2030 Agenda.